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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL BOARD

SUBJECT: New Mission Policies and WMIRS

1. The CAP National Commander has just released two new mission policy letters. One is a joint directive with the CAP-USAF Commander and confirms procedures for obtaining Air Force assigned mission (AFAM) status and the other policy letter addresses corporate mission status. Both policies were significantly influenced by Air Force Instruction 10-2701, Organization and Function of the Civil Air Patrol. This new AFI is the Air Force policy on how CAP will be supported and employed and it sets forth the circumstances under which CAP may perform missions as the AF Auxiliary. There is a link to AFI 10-2701 and these two new policy letters on the Web Mission Information Reporting System (WMIRS) menu under "Mission Directives."
2. Why the big changes? There are multiple reasons but US Northern Command (NORTHCOM) requirements were a major driving factor. NORTHCOM has the mission of providing military assistance to civil authorities during contingencies (such as natural disasters) and they needed a single commander for providing air assets when required. The 1AF/CC was selected and given the additional title of Air Component Commander.
3. Because CAP's missions are now visible to NORTHCOM and the Air Component Commander online via WMIRS, CAP has a greater level of exposure to senior Department of Defense (DoD) leaders than at any time since the NOC began operations in October of 2002. This has resulted in DoD tasking CAP with a wider variety of missions than ever before. From the wing's inputs to WMIRS, the NOC provides mission requests in the AF's Air Tasking Order (ATO) format twice a week for approval by Major General Scott Mayes, 1AF/CC. Additionally, a Situation Report (SITREP) is submitted each day on the results of CAP's missions (the wing-reported data from WMIRS is used to generate these reports.) Samples of the ATO and SITREP are also available under the "Mission Directives" link in the WMIRS menu.
4. WMIRS has changed significantly to be able to comply with the NORTHCOM-required approval and reporting processes. All required information can now be received online and, when the sortie results are submitted by the wings, the NOC can provide all required up-channel reporting. WMIRS is also able to generate a CAP Form 108 that uses the information previously reported by the wings to print a reimbursement form that is complete and ready for signature. In addition, the CAP Form 10 is no longer required for training missions. The approval process for training missions is now completed entirely online through a WMIRS module. This new process should significantly reduce the amount of time it takes to get approval for a training mission. All these new features are presented in a WMIRS training document which is available online (located in the upper left-hand corner of the main WMIRS page). Please help us evaluate it and, if you see a way to improve the program or online instructions, please let us know by sending an e-mail to wmirs@cap.af.mil.

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